

inclined with respect to the inner surface after bending. Examiner Gushi indicated that he agreed and that this claim language presented no 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph issue.

However, Examiner Gushi did indicated that he felt two new prior art references, U.S. Patent No. 4,561,714 and 4,371,225, rendered the claims unpatentable. No substantive discussions were conducted regarding these references, and they are the subject of the present pending Office Action dated October 30, 2003.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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